

**MINUTES OF THE
CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT PANEL**

April 22, 1999 -- 9:00 a.m. -- Room 416 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Nora B. Stephens, House Chair
Rep. Trisha Beck

Members Excused:

Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. Margaret Dayton

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews,
Research Analyst
Mr. R. Chet Loftis
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. Introduction of Committee and Staff

Chair Hillyard invited all staff, speakers and visitors to introduce themselves and the entities they represent.

2. Panel Business

MOTION: Chair Stephens moved that the minutes of the November 22, 1998 meeting be approved as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Overview of Child Welfare System

Mr. Loftis distributed *Summary of Child Welfare Laws*. He presented an overview which included a brief discussion of the SAFE and licensing databases, the role of the Division of Child and Family Services, and the Judicial portion of the Utah Code.

4. Overview of Panel's Charge

Mr. Andrews distributed two handouts, *Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel: Duties and Reports*, and *Duties of Selected Entities in the Child Welfare System*. In the interest of time, Chair Hillyard asked committee members to review the handouts and to make notes of possible changes available at the May meeting.

Ms. Robin-Arnold Williams, Executive Director, DCFS, commented that the charts reviewing trends of children in the custody of the division that were provided last year by staff were very useful. Chair Hillyard agreed and asked that those charts continue to be made available at future meetings.

Sen. Hillyard also asked Ms. Williams to work with Mr. Andrews on identifying reports made by the division to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee that would be appropriate to be reviewed by the panel as well.

5. Review of 1999 Legislation

Mr. Loftis distributed *Review of 1999 Legislation*. He also made available copies of *1999 Enacted Child Welfare Legislation and 1999 Failed Child Welfare Legislation*. Mr. Loftis briefly summarized the bills as identified in the handout.

6. Review of *The Performance Milestone Plan*, April 1, 1999 Draft

Mr. Ken Patterson, Director, Division of Child and Family Services, distributed the *Draft Performance Milestone Plan Presentation* and reference documents to the *Draft Performance Milestone Plan Presentation*.

Assisted by Mr. Richard Anderson and Mr. Craig Monson, Division of Child and Family Services, Mr. Patterson reviewed the *Draft Performance Milestone Plan* which included the following divisions: (1) Background Information; (2) Practice Model Development, Training, Implementation; (3) System Investments; (4) System Management Structures; (5) Priority Focus Areas; (6) Accountability Structures; (7) Trend Data Analysis; (8) Case Process Reviews; and (9) Qualitative Case Record Review.

8. Other business

The committee decided to hold monthly meetings on the Tuesday before Interim Day from 9-11 a.m. Next meeting, Tuesday, May 18, 1999, 9:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.